



Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia

January 8, 1921 - July 17, 2013

Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia, age 92, passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 with the love and support of his family by his side at the Halifax Health Hospice Center of Volusia & Flagler Counties in Florida.

Born in Utica on January 8, 1921, Rocco was the son of the late Dominick and Rachel (Morra) Cornacchia. He was raised and educated locally and attended UFA High School. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he honorably served his country from 1942-1945 during World War II. On June 27, 1942 Roc married the former Dorothy Lia with whom he shared a blessed marriage of nearly 68 years until her passing on April 27, 2010.

Roc began his career in the construction industry as a union Bricklayer, Mason and Plasterer. Later in his 50 year career he managed numerous major construction projects for area contractors building schools, colleges and hospitals. He really was the 'rock' of his family and their greatest hero. Soft-spoken, caring, and humble, he was a wonderful husband and father, and a devoted grandfather to his generations that followed. Roc's loved ones will recall how joyful he was at family get-togethers. He held a deep devotion to his family, allegiance to his country, and commitment to his community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the U.S. Navy Reserve, American Legion, Moose Lodge, and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) where he served as a cook, the Deltona Community Center in Florida, the Bricklayers &

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Craftworkers Local #2, and the Italian American Heritage Club. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church in Utica and Our Lady of the Lakes in Deltona, FL.

Roc is survived by his children, Rachel and Bernie Freytag, Jr., Chester and Dyana Cornacchia, Carol and Michael Cragolin, Rocco Jr. and Bernadine Cornacchia, and Michael and Jackie Cornacchia; grandchildren, Christine Honsinger, Michael Cragolin Jr., Bernie Freytag III, Anthony Cornacchia, Lisa Johanson, Amy Cornacchia, Brian Cornacchia, Renee Cragolin, Frank Cornacchia, Joseph Cornacchia, James Cornacchia, Brenda Salzano, Rocco Cornacchia III, Christopher Cragolin, Matthew Cornacchia and Natalie Cornacchia; great-grandchildren, Nelson, Alisa, Anthony, Joseph, Michael, Jacob, Austin, Micaela, Alexandra, Mckenzie, Autumn, Jadyn, Salvatore, Giovanni, Vincenzo and another to be born in days, Sebastian Joseph. Also left to remember Roc is his sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Nick Miscione; his brothers, Philip J. Cornacchia, and Ernest and Phyllis Cornacchia. He was predeceased by his sisters Lena N. Pane, Antonetta Cornacchia and Antoinette Herndon; and his brothers, Chester Cornacchia, Frank Cornacchia and Joseph Cornacchia.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 6:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Halifax Health Hospice in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Rocco's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Committal service with Military Honors conferred by the United States Navy will take place graveside at Calvary Cemetery with interment to follow.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

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JUL **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Thinking of my Mom and Dad today as always. Their unfailing love for each other has inspired so many, and me more than ever. I imagine them dancing in each others arms in the heavens. Save a big cloud dance floor for all of us!

Mike Cornacchia - August 17, 2018 at 05:52 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the entire Cornacchia family on the loss of your family patriarch. May he Rest in Peace.

Dave Richards, Pocono Raceway Fire Rescu - July 24, 2016 at 10:56 AM

PM

“ Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia



Paul Mangano - July 30, 2013 at 09:51 AM



“ As I think back to my younger years my memories include times he spent doing things with and for his family. I remember making a doghouse with him. I remember the fun times at Grandma and Grandpas, especially playing in the basement with my cousins. I remember camp. I remember the trips to Florida and how welcome he made us feel at his home. I remember the birthday and holiday phone calls long distance. I cant lie, it was tough living so far away from him and Grandma. I moved down to Florida in my early twenties and I recall the way they made me feel secure knowing I had them in the same state as me finally. Then recently I was able to reestablish a strong bond with him. When I moved down there he allowed me to live with him and get on my feet. I will never forget how he made me feel. Hard to describe in words but I can say this. He did things all day and everyday that amazed me and made me feel special to call him Grandpa. Weather it was making me breakfast at age 91, bringing me food home from the senior center or sitting there watching him balance his check book . I can also honestly say he was the best roommate I ever had. We watched sports every night together, sometimes sitting there for long periods of time not talking, other times we would deeply conversate about the old days. I cherish every moment I got to spend with him. I feel blessed to have had that time to learn more about what I already knew. What a great man , Grandfather, Father and husband he truly was. I will miss ya Gramps!!! O'Neil!!!!!! haha

Frank Cornacchia - July 28, 2013 at 03:39 PM

PC

“ Chet, Dyana & family,
We are sorry to hear about your Dad. You will have your wonderful memories of the times you shared with him. We are thinking about you. You are in our prayers.
Love,
Patty & Wayne Currier

Patricia Currier - July 28, 2013 at 01:38 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia.*



July 27, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Fred & Mary Ann Furtek

Mary Ann Motto Furtek - July 26, 2013 at 11:30 PM



“ *My Grandpa Roc is a truly amazing man!!! He is the most thoughtful and loving gentleman, I have so beautiful memories of him that will forever live in my heart. Although I will never get another endearing pinch on my cheek from him again, it comforts me to know he is with his sweetheart again, Grandma Dorothy.*

I was the luckiest girl to have him there on my wedding day to give me his blessing.

Together they will watch over our family from the heaven above.

*Love,
Brenda & Michael*



b - July 26, 2013 at 08:57 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia.*



July 26, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ *Dad has raised us to be proud and strong. Although he left us with big shoes to fill we will carry on his legacy. We hope to instill in our children the values that their grandfather instilled in us. Let us be happy that he is finally dancing in heaven with mom.*

*Love Forever,
Rachel and Bernie*



Rachel Freytag - July 26, 2013 at 09:03 AM

BC

“ We have been blessed to have had the chance to spend three months this year as well as three months last year with this wonderful man.

Never once did we feel like his house was not our own. He always made us feel comfortable. We never thought twice to help ourselves to anything we wanted.

When we sat down to watch TV he would give us the remote and say "You don't have to watch this, watch what you want." He was just happy to have us there. When he couldn't stay up any longer he would say "Sorry, I have to go to bed now," although he fought to stay up as long as he could.

Every morning he would say good morning to everyone and always asked "Bernie, how do you feel?" He never forgot to ask how I felt. He was always so with it.

We would go out to dinner and when he was ready to leave he would say "Let's blow this joint!"

*Love,
Bernie and Rock*

Bernie and Rock Cornacchia - July 25, 2013 at 11:24 PM

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“ Carol Cragolin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia



Carol Cragolin - July 25, 2013 at 09:16 PM

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“ Me and my DAD!!!! It takes a special person to be the great dad that he was. Such a caring and loving person. I have so many great memories of him. His wife and children always came first. You are now with MOM, who you missed very much. I will miss you a lot. He is my HERO!!!!



Carol Cragolin - July 25, 2013 at 09:15 PM

CJ

“ We love you Grandpa. You will be missed and may you live forever in eternal peace in heaven with Grandma. God Bless Rocco Cornacchia.

Love Always,

Lisa, Craig, Alexandra and Mckenzie



Craig Johanson - July 25, 2013 at 06:07 PM

BC

“ Roc and Dottie created a wonderful family that continues to blossom. The cherished relationships and family memories throughout the Cornacchia family are a priceless gift! I remember Roc as a "teddy bear" with unwavered inner strength; a role model for us all. I am thankful to have known him. May God bless the whole Cornacchia family.

Becky Chapple

Becky Chapple - July 25, 2013 at 04:46 PM

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“ Dad was a quiet, smiling hero to our family. We will remember him in almost everything we do. God Bless him forever. He will now be able to continue his journey in Heaven with Mom.



Chester & Dyana Cornacchia - July 25, 2013 at 10:50 AM



“ Grandpa was the foundation of this great family, may his and grandma's memories keep this family strong.

Anthony Cornacchia - July 25, 2013 at 07:35 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. What an honor and pleasure it was to know both Roc and Dottie. Love to all of you.



The Blake Family - July 24, 2013 at 11:37 PM

KW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Roc was such a sweetheart and exactly the type of man that all men should aspire to be. His gentle soul and warm smile will be greatly missed. Love & kisses to Mike, Jackie, Matthew, Natalie and the rest of the Cornacchia family. ~ The Welchs



Kelly & Brian Welch - July 24, 2013 at 09:33 PM

DH

“ Although, we haven't know Roc for long, he displayed joy and love for his family and he was a heck of a card player. Everyone will miss that little twinkle in his eyes and a big smile. God bless Roc and all his family. The Hursh's.

Debra Hursh - July 24, 2013 at 09:19 AM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Cornacchia - July 24, 2013 at 09:06 AM

BS

“ Roc was 1 in a million...Our family was blessed to be part of his life and wish the world had more people like Roc. He will be missed but not forgotten. You are a beautiful family and we love you all....The Striano's

Brandy Striano - July 24, 2013 at 09:05 AM

MC

“ *Michael Cornacchia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco J. "Roc" Cornacchia*



Michael Cornacchia - July 24, 2013 at 08:41 AM



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Joe Cornacchia - July 23, 2013 at 08:58 PM